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1. In view of the generally worsening human rights situation here, I believe the time has come for a demarche at the highest level. Hence, I request instructions to ask for an urgent appointment with the Foreign Minister.

2. I wish authorization to say to him the following:

QUOTE The US very much sympathizes with the moderate

policies announced by President Videla and had hoped to be

helpful to Argentina in her process of national reconstruction

and reconciliation. We fully understand that Argentina is

involved in an all-out struggle against subversion. There

are, however, some norms which can never be put aside by

gover ments dedicated to a rule of law. Respect for

human rights is one of them. The continued activities of

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Triple A-type death squads which have recently murdered

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Michelini, Gutierrez Ruiz and dozens of others and have just kidnapped a member of the Fulbright Commission, Miss Elida Messina, are damaging th. GOA's generally good image abroad. seem to operate with impunity and are generally believed to be connected with the Argentine security forces. Whether they are or not, their continued operation can only be harmful to the GOA itself and cause consternation among Argentina's friends abroad. END QUOTE -

In view of the pace of developments, I would appreciate reply by immediate cable.

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